

## SOUTH DAKOTA FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER (F2F) 2016 DATA REPORT

South Dakota Parent Connection, Inc., (SDPC) was founded in 1985 by a group of dedicated parents and professionals to provide training and information statewide to meet the needs of parents and families caring for individuals with disabilities. The F2F project provides information and guidance around health issues to families, and the professionals who serve them, and improves access to services and resources for CSHCN.

### 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

**Informational Advocacy** In partnership with the Department of Health, SDPC F2F developed and disseminated the following crucial public health campaigns: due to one of the highest national infection rates, publications detailing West Nile protections against mosquitoes; flu vaccine information emphasizing that CSHCN are at higher risk of complications; and following an outbreak of measles, information regarding signs, symptoms, and treatment.

### IMPACT on a FAMILY



*"My daughter, Ella, is the BEST blessing in my life. However, caring for her has taken me down a path I didn't expect to travel. As a parent of a child with special needs, it is challenging to navigate the many systems, and at times can be overwhelming. South Dakota Parent Connection has helped me along the journey to find services and supports that Ella needs. South Dakota Parent Connection's helpful staff have shared programs and resources that I did not know about to help me provide the best care possible for Ella. I know South Dakota Parent Connection will continue to be there for me and for many families across the state as we work together to make good lives for our children."*

**IMPACT on a PROFESSIONAL** *"Being in the school counseling profession for 22 years, I reach out to many different resources in the community. Over the years, my go to resource is South Dakota Parent Connection. It provides a wealth of resources from workshops, training, health care, etc. for both families and myself as a professional. I utilize the Family Resource Guide continually and having it printed in Spanish has served my community and school tremendously. I value the South Dakota Parent Connection so much that, as an instructor in the SDSU Counseling Department, I am using the information and materials that it has made available in the graduate level classroom! I inform students of this beneficial resource here in South Dakota and strongly encourage them to utilize it, not only the families they will be working with, but to enhance their own knowledge in the counseling field."*

**Congressional Advocacy:** The F2F provided special education information and resources to a Congressman's DC office staff for a constituent whose child with a disability was experiencing challenges in school. Information was provided as well as available resources (P & A). Upon request, the F2F provided Senator Round's office with our position statement regarding the nomination of Betsy DeVos as U.S. Secretary of Education.

### CSHCN in SD<sup>1</sup>

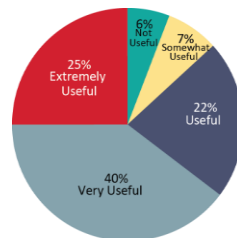
- 24,415 children (17.3%)
- 8,003 children have inadequate insurance
- 7,334 children have conditions that consistently affect their activities
- 9,132 do not receive family-centered care

CSHCN Whose Conditions Cause Financial Problems for the Family:



### OUTREACH

**Total Families Served: 4320**  
**Total Professionals Served: 4385**  
**Newsletter Subscribers: 4970**  
**Materials Disseminated: 13,448**  
**Trainings: 466**



### IMPACT: Data on Family Confidence

94% of families rate as somewhat to extremely useful the usefulness of the support, information, and/or resources they received from the SD F2F in helping them feel more confident about getting their child the health care and services that s/he needs.

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<sup>1</sup>National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs. NS-CSHCN 2009/10. Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Retrieved 04/03/2014 from [www.childhealthdata.org](http://www.childhealthdata.org).  
<sup>2</sup>FY2015 F2F data represents families and professionals served through one-to-one contact, training, and broader outreach from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015.  
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